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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting of August 25, 2005, the Board of Regents acted as follows:

Conditional approval is granted for the proposed Bachelor of Science in Health Studies (CIP 51.9999) at Southeastern Louisiana University, subject to the following stipulations:

- 1. The Health Education Concentration shall be implemented beginning Fall 2005, subject to appointment of an Interim Program Director;**
- 2. By February 1, 2006, the University shall report to the Commissioner of Higher Education the status of the University's search for a new Program Director and additional full-time faculty;**
- 3. Based on the contents of this report, and any other required subsequent reports, the staff shall sometime in the future recommend implementation of the Health Management Concentration.**

STAFF SUMMARY

Eight students are presently enrolled in the Health Education concentration of the Health Studies program. The program is guided by an Interim Program Director. Relevant courses have been created and approved by the campus. The institution reports that efforts to secure additional faculty and a permanent program director were delayed by the budgetary impact of Hurricane Katrina. A tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant/Associate Professor level has now been approved, included in the budget, and advertised with a preferred start date of January 2007. The advertisement is structured such that the pool of respondents may include potential candidates for a permanent Program Director. SLU anticipates that the selection process should proceed over the course of the fall semester.

SLU states that it has worked with area community, technical and proprietary institutions to market the program and to assure appropriate articulation of transfer course credits. Such efforts have been slow however as several campuses are still struggling with the impact of Hurricane Katrina.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Events of 2005 have impacted program development activities. Subsequent reports must address the hiring of a permanent program director as well as additional faculty for the Health Studies program. The successful engagement of needed personnel are critical to future prospects for an additional Health Management concentration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee accept the AY 2005-06 report relative to the implementation of the Health Education concentration of the Bachelor of Science in Health Studies program at Southeastern Louisiana University. By June 1, 2007, the University shall report to the Commissioner of Higher Education the status of the University's search for a permanent Program Director and additional full-time faculty. The contents of this report, and any other required subsequent reports, shall determine whether and when staff will recommend implementation of the Health Management Concentration.